GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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Indian Students in Foreign Countries
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any data of the number of Indian students studying in foreign countries;
(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, country-wise;
(c) whether there are assaults on the Indian students studying in foreign country;
(d) if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the steps taken by the Government to ensure safety of Indian students abroad?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani)

(a): Studies abroad being a matter of individual will and choice, specific information regarding the number of Indian students studying in foreign countries is not maintained by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.
(b): Does not arise in view of (a) above.
(c) & (d) : Yes, madam. As per information collected by Ministry of External Affairs from the Indian Missions/Posts abroad, year-wise and country-wise details of such cases for the last three years are given below:
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S. No. Name of Country Year
2013 2014 2015
1 Germany Nil 01 04
2 Kyrgyzstan 94 03 05
3 Republic of Korea Nil 01 Nil
4 Malaysia 02 04 03
5 Nepal Nil Nil 01
6 Lithuania Nil 02 Nil
7 Italy 01 Nil Nil
8 USA Nil 01 Nil
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The Rest of the 114 Missions/Posts have sent "Nil" Report

(e) The Ministry of External Affairs and Indian Missions/Posts abroad take prompt action to address issues pertaining to security, safety, and welfare of Indian students who are enrolled in foreign universities and educational institutions. The Ministry of External Affairs and their Missions are in regular contact with foreign governments, universities and educational institutions, Indian Student Associations and community organizations and take all possible measures to provide assistance to Indian students in foreign countries, as and when such issues arise. Indian Student Welfare Officers have been designated in Indian Missions, in countries where there are large number of Indian students enrolled. Advisories to Indian students are also issued by Ministry of External Affairs from time to time asking them to carry all documentation and undertake due diligence to ensure that the foreign institutions to which they are seeking admission have proper authorization and capacities.